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Nothing To Arbitrate!

Eugene V. Debs.

Colorado strike is settled. Almost five years and cost of a million dollars a year. More than two hundred lives were lost. The strike was lost—a total loss. The owners conceded absolutely nothing. They proved themselves, with the aid of their head, not only in Colorado but the boss of the United States.

President Wilson and his cabinet capitulated to their greed and do their bidding as abject slaves. It had been done by Governor Ammons.

It is only true in a limited sense that the strike was lost. Another and infinitely larger

sense it was won, and time will prove it to have been a glorious victory.

From the very beginning the mine owners declared—"THERE IS NOTHING TO ARBITRATE."

THEY WERE RIGHT; absolutely right.

There is nothing to arbitrate between the working class and the capitalist class; between the robber and the robbed.

Let us thank the mine owners for having taught us the lesson, and let us not fail to profit by it.

"NOTHING TO ARBITRATE."

PULLMAN SNARLED IT twenty years ago.

Carnegie proved it at Homestead. McNaughton stood for it at Calumet.

Rockefeller wrote it on the skies in

the blood of the babies slaughtered at Ludlow.

"NOTHING TO ARBITRATE."

LET US THANK, I repeat, Pullman, Carnegie, McNaughton and Rockefeller. They have burnt it into us, that there is nothing to arbitrate, and all our protests have been in vain.

They have been right and we have been wrong. They are our friends. They have taught us the lesson.

We now know that there is nothing to arbitrate between their class and our class; nothing to concede; nothing to compromise; but war to the death.

Let us organize our class for the war on the basis laid down by them and enforced by their gunmen: "NOTHING TO ARBITRATE."

OUR EYES ARE OPEN at last, thanks to them. We now know where we stand. They are our enemy and we are theirs. They rob us of what we produce and when we meekly petition for a few more crumbs from their fat table they drive us from their door and have their gunmen murder our wives and babies.

They refuse to even allow us to see them, to talk to them. They treat us as dogs and dogs we are as long as they own our jobs and our means of life.

Why should they arbitrate? And why should we?

The lesson has been written for us by the Colorado mine owners in the blood of our brothers.

Now to our task! SINCE THERE IS NOTHING TO ARBITRATE, THERE IS EVERYTHING TO FIGHT FOR.

THE MINE OWNERS have themselves drawn the line which separates them from their slaves and it now they are not class conscious they are stricken with blindness.

Industrial and political unity of the miners and all other workers in Colorado and all other states, is the answer and the only answer to the ukase of the masters, that there is "nothing to arbitrate."

Let the clarion ring throughout the state and echo and re-echo from the Rocky mountains to the coast: WORKERS UNITE FOR THE FIGHT. THERE IS NOTHING TO ARBITRATE!

IN SOME DAY TO COME, the day of reckoning that comes to all, when the master class stand face to face with their fate, they will realize with solemn and vain regret, that it was they themselves, in the heyday of their brutal domination, that taught the workers that there is "NOTHING TO ARBITRATE."

cupied, would be as painless a death as any."

Now, my dictionary says psychology pertains to the human soul, or the doctrines relative to spiritual nature. How a "discourse" could prevent hunger, or a "doctrine" allay its pangs is one of the strange things we are called upon to admire among the discoveries of our great men of science. This recipe should be widely circulated as it is very much needed at the present time. The National Cash Register Co. slaves, who are starving, one day's work per week might find it useful, as well as the thousand of striking miners' families in Eastern Ohio. The C. & O. shopmen, the A. C. & E. men, the furniture workers, in fact all those who must depend upon the sale of their labor power for the opportunity to eat—should should hail Dr. Carlson's discovery with delight, and provide themselves and families with the necessary devices to prevent the hunger pangs assailing them. Then get Dr. Elliott's "five foot library" and a barrel of old sermons, and they will be in shape to starve to death peacefully and without making a ripple upon the placid surface of our unprecedented prosperity.

Or, if we should all "get scared" within an inch of our life, President Wilson could send all the foot to Europe, as we would not need it any way, and it would thus be saved from rats and insects.

Local Elizabeth Notes

Local Elizabeth held a rousing meeting at its hall Sunday afternoon with 69 members present.

The proposition of free books for the public schools of West Virginia was unanimously endorsed, and the local and its members will do all in their power to have the measure passed by the next legislature.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Corresponding Secretary—Forest Eskew.

Financial Secretary—C. E. Taylor.

Organizer—John L. McGhee.

Literature Agent—H. L. Chandler.

Local meets every Sunday afternoon upstairs at 1335 Adams avenue. Visitors always welcome.

FOREST ESKEW.

Socialists Second Party In State of Texas

Official returns of the vote of the state of Texas give the Socialist party second place in the rank of parties.

The Socialist vote was 217,666; the Republican vote 118,002; the Socialist labor party 697 and the Bill Moore 1,844.

The Socialists just met held their 1912 strength. The total state vote was considerably lighter than that of 1912, and the Democrat and republican parties suffered extremely. Van Zandt county polled more than 1,000 Socialist votes, the first county of the state to go beyond the 1,000 mark.

Grand Rapids Owns Its Power Plant

The light and power plant at the Grand Rapids Electric Co. will become the property of the city of Grand Rapids on January 1.

Bonds for the purchase have been sold by the city and everything is in readiness for the transfer. The proposition for public ownership precludes a bitter struggle but the advocates of municipal ownership away all opposition.

Ohio Operators Will Evict Striking Miners

The striking miners of Eastern Ohio are preparing to meet an order to vacate all company houses. In case the threat to exist is put into execution, the officials of the United Mine Workers of America will establish tent colonies at once.

The time, from the spirit of the miners is not broken, and even they were disposed to leave the field of absolute uselessness of attempting to seek work elsewhere would compel them to stay where they are and fight it out.

Tents have been ordered and President C. J. Alabaster of Ohio District No. 5, says that all will be sheltered. All children of tender age will be cared for by the Socialists of West Virginia cities. 35,000 pairs of shoes are being sent into the field by the Miners' National Organization.

Later reports indicate determined resistance on the part of the miners to the eviction order.

New Orleans Newspapers To Fight Printers' Union

Declaring for "union shop" all New Orleans newspapers this week formally announced in notices to the public that they would fight the closed shop conditions now prevailing in the city.

The notices announce that all negotiations with the mechanical trades have been broken off. A wage controversy has been in progress between the publishers and the unions.

The unions are equally determined to maintain their scale of prices and their shop organizations.

A GOOD DOG

(From the Milwaukee Leader)

Old Mother Hubbard's Cupboard was bare. There was not even a bone for the poor dog. It was an impressive lesson to the dog.

Ever since then the most distinguished member of the Hubbard family has rejected the theory that the dog would provide.

There has not been a more successful business man in the United States, considering the start he had and the opportunities that he has seized and the obstacles that he has been forced to overcome, than Fra Robertus Hubbard of East Aurora, N. Y.

J. Gould started with a mouse trap. The Fra started with long hair. His game wasn't as big as Jay's. He started small, like all self-made men, and has worked his way up. He is now doing business with Rockefeller.

A letter to Rockefeller, introduced in the coal strike investigation, closed the Fra on his pilgrimage outward and upward.

"I have been out in Colorado and know a little about the situation there. It seems to me that your stand is eminently right, proper and logical. A good many of the strikers are poor, unfortunate, ignorant foreigners who imagine that there is a war on and that they are fighting for liberty. Are you interested in distributing a certain number of copies of The Fra containing my article on the Colorado situation?"

The price of extra copies of The Fra is \$2 per 1,000.

The poor, ignorant foreigners who were striking for a little better conditions, for a little better pay, for a little greater liberty, were not as "right, proper and logical" as Rockefeller. They could not pay \$200 a thousand for copies of the Fra's article. Their cupboard was bare.

Mother Hubbard's dog was "poor but honest." It failed to get a bone, but it didn't sneak down the road to the rich man's house, wag its tail and crawl into his kennel and back for a collar.

Fair play for Mother Hubbard's dog!

The Psychology of Hunger

(Nora Gillespie)

Professor Carlson, of the University of Chicago, in a lecture before the National Academy of Science recently, gave several different methods of gracefully starving to death. First he says hunger is psychological, and in fact has no basis at all; and that there are more ways of stopping the pangs of an empty stomach than by giving it food. Some of these ways are quite beyond the comprehension of a mere layman in science, who is trying to decide whether they will have bread and meat this week or get one of the children a pair of shoes. Among the varied methods of satisfying the hunger pangs are: Chaw gum, hold a stick in the mouth; swallow a small balloon with a string tied to it to pull it back up again, or best of all, get scared within an inch of your life. Any of these are guaranteed to prevent your wanting food for long periods at a stretch.

Dr. Carlson also had a patient swallow a small electric light and then cut a window in the man's abdomen to watch the gastric juices attack the rays. "There is really very little pain about starving," says the doctor. "The pangs of hunger are caused by the contraction of the upper part of the stomach, and these contractions are largely psychic, or under the control of the mind; anything that will take the mind off the fact that you have gone without food will lessen the contractions, and therefore lessen the pain."

"I should say that death by starvation is a very easy thing to do."

What Changes Do You Think Should Be Made in Huntington's Government?

As a result of the apparently widespread dissatisfaction with the present form of government in Huntington the next legislature is going to be asked to change the charter of the city, without doubt, and it is just as apparent that designing politicians are going to try to use this opportunity to thwart the will of the people and fasten upon the city additional monstrosities in the form of patches on the present commission form of government.

The commission form, without its proper accompaniments—the initiative, referendum and recall—is retrogression rather than advancement, and its try-out in this city has been so disappointing that thousands of the citizens are advocating a return to the more democratic form that existed under the old charter and embodied the old common council. Others believe that the present form, with the initiative, referendum and recall added, would prove satisfactory, while still others are advocating the "City Manager" plan, which has been adopted in many cities during the past few years.

The Star proposes to keep in close touch with the activities up around Charleston while the Huntington Charter is going through the legislative mill, and in order to be in position to intelligently express the desires of the working class of the city, we print herewith a voting coupon upon which everyone can express their sentiments as to which of the three changes advocated they prefer. The results of this balloting will be presented to the legislature at the proper time. Vote your sentiments, and write whatever comment you wish as we sincerely desire to ascertain the true sentiment of the majority of the people of the city, and to protect the interest of that majority so far as it lies within our power.

VOTING COUPON.

Do you favor the present Commission Form of Government with the addition of the initiative, referendum and recall?	Yes No
Do you favor a return to the old form of government—Mayor and common council?	Yes No
Do you favor the "City Manager Plan" of government, if the manager is made easily and quickly responsive to the will of the people?	Yes No

Name.....

Address.....

(Fill out and mail to The Labor Star, City.)

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Chas. W. Ervin.

In this paper are facts that you won't find in some other papers. That's the reason we publish it. These things are so vital important to YOU, that's the reason the other papers won't print 'em. This paper is printed in the interest of the workers. The other papers are printed in the interest of those who work the workers.

This means that every interest in this locality that wants it might be hurt by our telling YOU the truth is doing all it can to prevent this paper from prospering as it should. We don't blame 'em in the least. We don't expect their support for the same reason that we do expect YOURS. Our success is a bad thing for them because it's a good thing for YOU.

We want to tell YOU how YOU can do two things that will make this paper the success it should be. Neither of these two things are hard to do or will cost you much time or money. If YOU will do them nothing can prevent this paper from being the big success it should be.

First—we ask YOU to secure us at least one new subscriber. If YOU do this we will double our circulation. Better circulation means better health for us just the same as it does for the body. We already have a goodly number of 100 and the more of YOU we have the more efficient work we can do.

If the things that we print are good things for YOU to know they're good things for the man or woman who works beside YOU to know. Until a majority of us do know them we're not going to get the boss on our back. Self-interest should therefore spur YOU on to gain as many new readers of this truth we print as opportunity affords YOU.

On page four you will find a coupon. Before you receive another copy of this paper try to have the name of at least one new subscriber on this coupon and send or bring it to us with the price of the subscription. If every one of YOU do this it means we will double the number of YOU next week. And it's such an easy thing to do.

The second thing that we want YOU to do, is, if anything even more easy than the first. It is, however, ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO THE GROWTH OF THIS PAPER. You remember we reminded YOU that we were publishing this paper in the capitalist system and that we had to pay the toll that the lords of this system exact from all of us. We showed YOU how with YOUR help we could overcome this handicap. We showed YOU how it had been done. We told you the story of the "Monitor." We can duplicate this story right here in West Virginia if YOU will get on the job in the same way that the readers of that paper got on theirs.

You have to buy things to live, don't YOU? And YOU don't care who you buy 'em from, do YOU? That is if you don't have to pay one merchant more than another for the same quality and quantity. The next time you have to buy anything that you will find advertised in this paper buy it from those who buy this space in our columns. And when YOU do it, don't forget to tell the merchant why YOU are buying from him in place of the other fellow who don't advertise with us. If YOU don't do that it will do us no good. We'll see what happened to the "Monitor" when its readers did the same thing with him. With the same thing will happen to us. And remember, US is made up of all of YOU.

To sum up. We're chained to our fellow-workers. We can only get free by helping to free them. We've got to show them how together we can do it. The printed word is one of the most efficient methods of reaching them with certain truths that they must know before they can be induced to join us in the fight we are making for a better day for all of us. And these truths have to be put before them continuously to be convincing. That's what this paper is for. We can only reach them with YOUR help. It costs money to do it. We can only get the money by selling advertising space. And we can sell this space if YOU buy from those who buy it from us.

YOUR PURCHASING POWER CAN MAKE THIS PAPER WHAT IT SHOULD BE—A POWERFUL WEAPON OF OFFENSE AND DEFENSE FOR THE WORKERS OF WEST VIRGINIA. WILL YOU USE YOUR PURCHASING POWER IN YOUR OWN INTEREST OR NOT? IT'S UP TO YOU.